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 GOD'S LEADERSHIP—"Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and ye shall serve Him, and cleave unto Him." Deut. 10:1-4.

THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES

"Items," the official publication of Oregon's efficient secretary of state, issued from time to time, in its issue of July 14, records many very interesting facts—

For instance: Approximately 197,326 motor vehicles were registered in this state for the first six months of this year, against 181,620 for the same period of last year, or a gain for 1926 of 15,706 cars—

And the registration fees for this year during that period were \$5,469,761.38, against \$4,844,310.08 for last year, making a gain of \$625,451.30. The report also shows that the revenue from registration fees for the first half of the present year outstripped the entire year of 1925 by a margin of \$99,559.60. Marion, of course, shows up next to Multnomah among Oregon counties in the totals, with Lane next, Jackson next and Umatilla next.

In the six months' period 34,190 automobiles from other states registered in Oregon, a gain of 6698 over last year, and of the total number for that period of this year 19,276 were from California—

And every one of the states and territories of the Union, several of its island possessions and a number of foreign countries are represented on the registration list. In June the only state missing was South Carolina.

The report shows also that should the sales of gasoline in Oregon continue at the same rate during the balance of the present year the tax on gasoline will approximate \$3,675,000, as compared with a total for last year of \$3,217,000, or an increase of nearly \$550,000.

The report shows also that there is approximately a telephone call every two minutes on the automobile department of the state, showing the constant throb of what may be termed the "motor pulse" of the state.

The above excerpts give an indication of the activities and growth of what is now, in sources of revenue, the larger half of the business of the state of Oregon, compared with the revenues from property taxes for purely state purposes—

And it shows the increasing value of our "tourist crop," lured this way by our magnificent state highways, built and maintained with our automobile and gas taxes; and by our unsurpassed summer season climate and our magnificent scenery and various other attractions.

The stranger within our gates has become a considerable factor in our progress and prosperity and general well being. Counting five to the car, our tourists make up a considerable proportion of our population during a large part of the year, and they are on the average free spenders of money for all the things we have to sell, to say nothing of being propagandists who send others and become investors here and induce investments by others.

Our people appreciate all these things, and are more and more realizing the good business of catering to our tourists and giving them the best and most cordial treatment.

The concluding paragraphs of "Items," mentioned above, make up a very good and timely editorial, under the heading, "A Study in Scarlet." This may be said to be an official editorial, from the "motor pulse" of Oregon. The paragraphs follow:

An automobile, driven at a moderate, reasonable rate, is a source of comfort, convenience and pleasure. The same car, speeded up to the danger point, becomes a MENACE to its driver, its occupants and to the public. A motor car driven at terrific speed upon a highway too often becomes a veritable juggernaut.

Study of automobile accidents shows that dire disaster attends the careless motorist and that DEATH'S pallid hand forever is at the steering wheel, watchful, eager, alert. Only when motorists learn to give closer attention to the operation of their cars will the scarlet record of the Grim Reaper be shortened.

If there were a traffic officer to every mile of highway in the nation automobile accidents would continue as long as drivers are reckless, careless and thoughtless.

Our roads are ideal for motoring but they are not speedways. There must be hills and curves and points of danger to the unwary, the careless. Even on straight, clear stretches any one of a thousand things can happen to hurl the speeding automobilist into eternity.

The motorist ought to think of others. When he is tempted to risk his own life he owes it to humanity to remember that he has no right to endanger the lives and safety of other people. The "Speed Demon" is as dangerous as the homicidal maniac and an even greater menace for his potential for spreading death and disaster is far higher.

When the traffic officer's screaming siren has brought you to a halt and he gravely asks: "What's your hurry?" why not give the question more than passing thought? Is there occasion for breaking the speed laws? Is it worth while to risk your own life and the lives of others, that a few paltry minutes may be saved? Is it not better to arrive safely at your destination than never to reach it at all?

It is good to reflect that all the driving skill, all the experience to be gathered in years of motoring, will avail nothing at times. Careful attention to the operation of a car and close observance of the motor laws are the BEST INSURANCE against accident.

Failure to remember this may mean that YOUR name will be the next to be written upon Death's red roster.

DRIVERS CRASH TOTAL FALLING REPORT SHOWS
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Week have been shown to be due to minor traffic violations which are being eliminated by increased care.

Analysis of the crash record shows sudden backing from the curb into the street as the greatest single cause of difficulty, with failure to signal at turns and before stops running a close second. Simple practice of traffic signals prior to entering or leaving the main stream of cars has been responsible for the marked decrease in local week-end accidents when crash records of July 19 to 23 are compared with those of July 2 to 5, and continued vigilance on the part of individual drivers will make stringent police action unnecessary.

On the eve of a new week-end,

drivers will find mutual caution will keep them out of the crash column.

Bits For Breakfast
 Flax harvest peak passed—

And there will be very little flax left standing at the end of next week.

The state flax plant several days ago sent, on request, a liberal sample of flax waste or shives to Chicago, where it is to be tested as to its value in making paper string. There is a possibility that this waste may be worth \$300 to \$400 a day or more—that is, the quantity that is being burned every day there, for which purpose it is worth only about \$20 a day.

The shives of flax have been wasted, excepting for fuel, for all time. Their profitable use would add materially to the value of the flax industry here.

Governor Pierce and John Quinland, superintendent of the penitentiary industries, are also pursuing the investigation of the machine for taking the fiber from the flax without retting, such as the one used by Henry Ford. Also the French invented method of artificial retting and drying. It is possible that with these the penitentiary plant may be able to handle flax from a much larger acreage.

The first cucumbers came to the Oregon Packing company, at its Thirteenth street plant on Tuesday. They will be coming in large volume in a short time; also beans for the special bean cannery in that plant. The Twelfth street cannery of that company is being rearranged for the handling of pears.

Billy Sunday will fill the Big Chautauqua tent Saturday night.

"Grass" at the Oregon had good houses Wednesday and yesterday—especially yesterday afternoon and evening. This is complimentary to Salem "Grass" is the biggest thing of the kind ever screened; not a play—the real thing on the reel.

NEW ANGLE IS TAKEN IN McPHERSON CASE
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reported to have told the jury of asserted discrepancies in Mrs. McPherson's statement to the police.

R. A. McKinley, blind attorney of Long Beach and his secretary, Bernice Morris, appeared as witnesses for Mrs. McPherson, to tell of a visit to his office by asserted kidnappers of the evangelist, who asked him to act as go-between in calling \$25,000 ransom. Mrs. Sylvia Oberman of Ocean Park told of seeing Mrs. McPherson on the beach talking with a man on the day she vanished.

Mrs. M. Broadwell, a Denver tourist who had been living in Oakland under the name of Mrs. McDonald, and had been heralded as a "double" of the evangelist, appeared at the witness room of the grand jury but was not called by that body. Witnesses said she did not even resemble the evangelist.

Ryan said that identification of Mrs. McPherson had been made by Dennis Collins, night attendant at the Salinas garage from photographs shown him by Ryan. The deputy prosecutor volunteered to bring Collins to Los Angeles to give his testimony and to face the evangelist before the jury in an attempt to identify her further.

Ormiston had left his automobile at Salinas on his way to Los Angeles where he appeared the next day and denied knowledge of any facts in connection with Mrs. McPherson's disappearance, leaving before he could be questioned in detail. A letter to a police officer here, the radio-man later denied that he returned to Salinas for his automobile.

Ormiston was involved in the investigation of the McPherson case immediately following the vanishing of the evangelist when it became known that Mrs. Ormiston, prior to sailing for her home in Australia, had threatened to sue for a divorce, citing Ormiston's friendship for the Angelus Temple leader.

After Ormiston's car had left Salinas it was reported to have been traced to San Luis Obispo where its driver and a woman registered at a hotel as Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibson, later driving south to be accosted by a newspaperman at Santa Barbara where the driver denied he was Ormiston.

The statement of the district attorney was but one of several sensational developments just prior to adjournment of the grand jury until Tuesday morning, when it will resume its investigation of Mrs. McPherson's story of being kidnaped from Santa Monica May 18, to escape 35 days later when she reappeared at Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico.

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THAT TERRIBLE THORNE-GIRL
 BY FREDERIC ARNOLD KUMMER

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"Steve," she said, turning quickly to him, "are you sure they brought my hat box in? I didn't see it."

He left her at once to confer with the porters who had taken charge of the luggage, and Sylvia hastily wrote "Mary McKenna, New York," on the register and requested the clerk to have her baggage sent upstairs.

"I'm not going to my room now," she told him sweetly, and turned as Steve rejoined her.

"Everything's here," he said.

"All right. You can take my things right up," she told the porter. "Come along, Steve. Take me to that little restaurant of yours. I'm hungry." She was, but not for food—not even for the rare Italian dishes Steve had so eloquently described. What she wanted most in this hour of distress was to have Steve's arms about her—feel the mad sweetness of his kisses. She hoped he would kiss her, in the cab, but he did not attempt it. Well—there were a great many people in the streets.

It was not until their meal together was nearly over that Steve referred, even indirectly, to the subject which lay uppermost in both their hearts.

"After lunch," he said gaily, "I'm going to take you back to your hotel and leave you. Just for a few hours. I've got to report to mother or she'd have a fit. But I'll be back by six o'clock, or six-thirty at the latest, and we'll have dinner—see a show. You don't mind, do you, if I go ahead and arrange things for you, just as if we were already married? Unless, of course, you won't have me. But if you have any such silly notion in your head, young woman, you'd better speak up right now, or forever after hold your peace. I'm in no mood to be trifled with."

He spoke with an air of gay gallantry but it seemed to Sylvia, in her supersensitive state of mind, that beneath his lightness lay a more serious note, as though he felt she had not been quite frank with him, and wanted her to be.

"I haven't promised to marry you, Steve," she said gravely.

"You know that, don't you?"

"Yes, more's the pity. When are you going to?"

"Promise?"

"No—marry me? Look here, sweet child—I'm a man of action. I don't believe in putting things off. Tell you what we'll do. Tonight I'll stay in town, at my club—see. Tomorrow morning we'll dash madly down to the marriage license bureau and sign the papers. By noon we'll be a happy wedded pair. Then we'll drive home and walk in on the family for their blessing. That's a whole lot better than fooling around with an engagement, a trousseau, a big wedding. You can buy all the clothes you need, afterwards. And besides, I was planning a trip to Egypt next month, and I can't go unless you go with me. Think of the fun we'd have—seeing the pyramids and everything together. You said you liked traveling with me. Why wait, sweetheart? I've a hunch it would bring us bad luck."

Sylvia gazed at his eager, flushed face and felt herself a traitor to love. Why wait, indeed, when every impulse, every heart-beat, told her but one thing—that she wanted to be in his arms? If only she could marry him tomorrow! It was just the sort of wedding she would most have liked. And a honeymoon in Egypt! The mystery, the romance, of the desert! Who would care, then, what some evil-minded old woman three thousand miles away might say? All she had to do was to say yes—

those who dance must pay the piper."
 (To be continued.)
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